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## NEWSPAPER LIBEL CASE.

HAYNES v. BURNETT.

### "NO CASE TO ANSWER."

Judge Says A Lot Made Out Of Little.

### WORDS "HAYNES DISCHARGED" HELD NOT DEFAMATORY.

Agreeing with counsel for the defendant that there was no case to answer, His Honour Mr. Justice J. R. Wood, Puisne Judge, this morning in the Summary Court gave judgment with costs for Mr. G. W. C. Burnett, managing editor of the "China Mail," against whom L. E. Haynes brought an action for alleged libel, claiming \$1,000 damages.

Plaintiff appeared in person and defendant was represented by Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., instructed by Mr. A. el Arculli.

Haynes, in the course of his address, alleged on the part of the "China Mail" malice, deliberate attacks and persecution, and said he was not bringing the action for pecuniary reward but to fight "Kaisersm."

When His Lordship intimated that there was no case Haynes said that the best thing for a man like himself to do was to throw himself into the harbour.

Mr. O. T. Breakspear, editor of the "Daily Press" (under subpoena) and Mr. J. T. Dobbie, an ex-employee of the "China Mail," gave evidence on behalf of Haynes.

Delivering judgment His Lordship said that the words complained of, "Haynes Discharged," were not defamatory nor could be said to have that interpretation. He considered that an attempt had been made to make a lot out of little.

### "THE BEST THING—THE HARBOUR."

Haynes, in opening his case, but by Mr. Dobbie. Mr. Burnett refused to pay him and a writ was served for the amount claimed.

From that moment, said Haynes, Mr. Burnett appeared to have deliberately set out to attack him (Haynes).

#### "Deplorable Escapade."

Haynes then gave a version of the Christie proceedings at the Mugistracy and referred to "China Mail" reports of the case, remarking that the defending solicitor considered it his business to "unravel a rather deplorable escapade of mine in 1922. From my point of view this meant that my four years' work of rehabilitation crashed to the ground in one stroke."

At this point Haynes was told by His Lordship not to touch on matters entirely outside the writ.

#### Indignation.

Haynes then said he started in business as the South China Trade Protection Association, gave an account of the Law Society suit against himself and another at the Mugistracy and then expressed indignation at the poster which met his eye directly the case was concluded. This said—"in tremendous block capitals"—"Haynes Discharged."

Plaintiff then referred to the report of the case as it appeared in the "China Mail" on the date in question (February 8).

His Lordship: You say you have actually suffered damage by this report—have been held up to public ridicule—have lost employment?

#### Fighting "Kaisersm."

Haynes: No. Nothing of that type has happened. I am not seeking damages on that point at all. I am merely fighting Kaisersm.

This closed Haynes opening remarks.

#### Editor's Evidence.

Mr. Oliver Thomas Breakspear, editor of the "Hong Kong Daily Press," subpoenaed by plaintiff, was shewn a copy of his paper on February 9 and asked if it made any reference to Haynes being charged or discharged. Witness replied in the affirmative.

Haynes: Oh. We will leave it at that.

Haynes then asked Mr. Breakspear if he considered the "China Mail" poster consistent with journalistic ethics.

His Lordship: I do not think Mr. Breakspear can be called upon to answer that. I think you must leave that to me.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, Mr. Breakspear admitted that the words "Mr. Blake prosecuted" appeared in the "Daily Press" report and also that the expression "Haynes Discharged" was used twice.

#### Mr. J. T. Dobbie.

Mr. James Thomas Dobbie, also engaged by him (Mr. Burnett) appearing for plaintiff, said he

## TOURISTS' PANIC.

### Fire on Luxor Train-de-Luxe.

#### LADIES' SPARSE ATTIRE.

### Kodak Millionaire's Hurried Departure.

Cairo, Yesterday.

Strange scenes accompanied the belated arrival from Luxor of a train de luxe crowded chiefly with American tourists who rushed, clad in pyjamas or borrowed clothing, to catch a special train for Alexandria and board the "White Star" liner.

The Kodak millionaire, Mr. Eastman, drove from a hotel clad in a pyjama jacket and serge trousers. Lady passengers concealed in acknowledgment while Queen Souraya smiled happily.

Started From Sleep.

The reason was that a fire occurred en route, attributed to the overheating of an axle, which spread ultimately to and destroyed two sleeping-coaches.

Passengers were awakened from sleep precipitately and escaped, abandoning clothes and valuables.

There were no casualties, except cuts and bruises.

The engine-driver, on observing the flames, stopped the train at Minich.—Reuter.

## NEW YORK ROW

### ARRIVAL OF HUNGARIAN DELEGATES.

#### MISTAKE ABOUT A "BOMB."

New York, Yesterday.

There was considerable disorder when a crowd of three-thousand people on the waterfront awaited the arrival of 572 Hungarian delegates to participate in the unveiling of a memorial to the Hungarian national hero, Kossoth.

A flashlight photo was taken but the crowd thought that a bomb had exploded. Revolvers were fired but there were no casualties.

The police dispersed the crowd and escorted the delegates to their hotel, which was guarded to prevent disturbances by the Hungarian Liberals, who are bitter opponents of the present regime in Hungary. — Reuter's American Service.

## PRINCESS MARY.

### ARRIVES IN EGYPT ON HOLIDAY.

Cairo, Yesterday.

Princess Mary and Lord Lascelles have arrived and were cordially welcome. They motored to the Residency with Lord and Lady Lloyd and go to Khartum on Friday; they return to Cairo on March 31.—Reuter.

## JAIL FOR LIFE.

### Sequel To Attempted Murder At Singapore.

#### A CANTONESE COMMUNIST.

Singapore, Yesterday.

The Chinese Communist, Cheong Yok-kai, was sentenced to imprisonment for life in connection with the wounding of Dr. Lim Boon-keng.—Reuter.

Cheng is believed to be a Cantonese. When Dr. C. C. Wu, Mr. Sun Fo and Mr. Hu Han-min (the ex-Nationalist Ministers), with their staffs, attended a function at Singapore on their way to Europe, an attempt was made on their lives but only Dr. Lim, ex-president of Amoy University, who was one of the hosts, was injured. Before leaving Singapore Dr. C. C. Wu made a request for leniency. The prisoner made a confession.

was a newspaper editor by profession but at present unemployed. He had had twenty-nine and a half years' experience and had known Haynes twelve or thirteen years.

On Saturday, December 11 last, he was on the staff of the "China Mail" and "Sunday Herald" and on that day Haynes covered the engagements he had outlined. On the following Monday there was an interview between witness and the defendant at which the latter said he refused to pay Haynes for the work done, observing that as he (witness) had engaged Haynes, he must be expected to pay. On that day (December 11) Haynes had worked for practical seventeen consecutive hours.

Witness, in reply to further questions, said that the matter was eventually settled by the payment of \$20 upon the condition that he would in no way suffer. On January 10 he was given notice.

Haynes: On what grounds?

His Lordship overruled the question, remarking that Mr. Dobbie's position was not involved in the case.

Haynes: Oh. We will leave it at that.

Haynes then asked Mr. Breakspear if he considered the "China Mail" poster consistent with journalistic ethics.

His Lordship: I do not think

Mr. Breakspear can be called upon to answer that. I think you must leave that to me.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, Mr. Breakspear admitted that he did not take any report of what occurred at the Magistracy on that day.

Newspaper Reports.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, Mr. Dobbie admitted that he did not hear the word "Discharged" used.

Further questioned, Mr. Dobbie

said he was present at the Magistracy hearing of the Law Society action and did not hear the word "Discharged" used.

Coming to December 13, Haynes described his call upon Mr. Burnett in reference to the question of remuneration for work done on the previous Saturday. Then, said Haynes, he was at the Magistracy in the morning, reported lawn bowls in the afternoon and also reported the "Tung On" piracy for the "Sunday Herald." Mr. Burnett disputed the claim alleging that he was not engaged by him (Mr. Burnett) appearing for plaintiff, said he

## London's Welcome.

### Afghan Royalty At The Guildhall.

#### LORD MAYOR'S FUNCTION.

Strengthening Bonds Of Two Countries.

London, Yesterday.

King Amanullah and Queen Souraya of Afghanistan had a wonderful welcome from the City of London to-day when they were guests of the Lord Mayor and Corporation at the Guildhall.

Driving from Buckingham Palace with an escort of Life Guards, they were cheered all the way to the Guildhall by considerable crowds.

King Amanullah saluted in acknowledgment while Queen Souraya smiled happily.

The distinguished assemblage was gathered in the library of the

## CUP SEMI-FINALS.

### Scottish Soccer Draw Result.

#### VENUES OF TWO MATCHES.

One Each At Glasgow And Edinburgh.

London, Yesterday.

The draw for the Scottish Football Association Cup semi-finals (to be played on March 24) was made to-day and resulted as follows:

Hibernian v. Rangers, at Tynecaste Park, Edinburgh, the ground of Heart of Midlothian F.C.

Celtic v. Queen's Park, at Ibrox Park, Glasgow, the ground of Rangers F.C.

—Reuter.

[Note: Celtic are holders. All four semi-finalists have won the trophy before. Celtic 12 times, Queen's Park 9 times in the early days, Rangers and Hibernians once each.]

Other football on page 9.

## EAST AND FAR EAST.

### SYSTEM OF LICENSED HOUSES.

#### INQUIRY TO EXTEND.

Geneva, Yesterday.

The Advisory Committee of the League of Nations on traffic in women and children has decided in principle to extend the inquiry of the special body of experts to countries in the East and Far East. The matter will be reconsidered at the next session when it may be thought possible to make definite recommendations.

Meanwhile, the Committee enlists the assistance of members and voluntary societies represented in the draft of the British resolution and earnestly hopes that the Governments of all countries which retain the system of licensed houses will investigate the question without delay.

The Committee has noted the fact that twenty-three out of forty-two countries, members or non-members of the League, have abolished licensed houses; nineteen countries have retained them under the regulations of the Committee. The opinion is that this system is doomed to disappear in time.—Reuter.

Visitors Impressed.

Then came the Queen of Afghanistan and the Lord Mayor,

tries and more thorough interchange of ideas between our peoples may result in increased prosperity and enhanced happiness to both.

Thus interpreted, and the address was handed to the King in a gold casket.

The King's Reply.

King Amanullah rose to reply amid loud cheers. He thanked the citizens of London for their warm welcome and declared that "the friendly relations existing between His Britannic Majesty and myself should be a great factor in future political and commercial relations between the British and Afghan nations and assure me of promotion of natural relations between the two countries in conformity with mutual wishes."

The procession was again formed and the Royal visitors were conducted to the banqueting hall where magnificent decorations and the glitter of the City's famous gold plate presented a dazzling scene.

Foreign Office Dinner.

To-night Sir Austen Chamberlain gave a dinner at the Foreign Office in honour of King Amanullah.

The Prince of Wales was present and the guests included the premier, members of the Cabinet, Mr. Lloyd George and Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, Liberal and Labour leaders, the High Commissioners of Overseas Dominions, and high military officers. There were no speeches but the usual toasts were honoured.—British Wireless Service.

London's Welcome.

Dense overhead fog plunged the whole of Central London in darkness this morning and threatened to rob some of its splendour.

The procession of the King and Queen of Afghanistan to the Guild hall, where they were being entertained at luncheon by the Lord Mayor of London.

The weather, however, improved later and large crowds lined the streets to see the royal visitors drive past.—British Wireless Ser-

## NANKING OUTRAGE.

### REDUCTION IN DEMANDS?

#### A CHANGE OF VIEW.

### Result of Canton And Shanghai Conferences.

#### BRITAIN, PRIME MOVER, IN TOUCH WITH THE POWERS.

Reuter learns that Britain and other Powers are prepared to reduce the demands presented to the Nanking Nationalist Government in 1927, in consequence of the Nanking anti-foreign outrages.

It is felt that the situation has changed, in view of the fact that the outrages were undoubtedly engineered by the Bolshevik element which has now been expelled from control of Chinese affairs. The change in view is the result of conferences at Canton between Sir Miles Lampson, the British Minister, and Marshal Li Chai-sum, Chairman of the Canton Government, and Sir Miles's conversation with Mr. Huang Fu, the Nationalist Foreign Minister at Shanghai.

There are no indications of the exact nature of these discussions but it is understood that Britain is keeping the Powers concerned fully informed of the progress of the discussions.

Conversations with the Nationalist authorities are also proceeding through the British Consul-General at Nanking.</



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35 Bags Sago.

5 Bags Fish Maw.

25 Cases Purifying Liquid.

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SUMMARY COURT CASE.

## LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S REPORT AND  
DEPARTURES.

THIS MORNING'S LIST.

At the Summary Court yesterday, the On Hing Co. claimed against the Wai Hing Navigation Co. and Lam Chi-sang and Leung Wing for \$1,000 for goods sold and delivered. The third defendant was represented by Mr. C. A. S. Russ and the second defendant did not appear, neither was the Wai Hing Co. represented. Mr. W. D. Owen appeared for plaintiffs. The defence for the third defendant was that he had nothing to do with the firm and after hearing the evidence Mr. Justice Wood gave judgment against the second defendant and adjourned the decision against Leung Wing who was said to be at sea.

## MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The P. & O. "Nagpure" left Singapore for this port on March 10 at 4 p.m., and is due here to-morrow at about noon.

The P. & O. s.s. "Kashmir" left Shanghai for this port on March 13 at 3 p.m. with the Mails, and is due here to-morrow at about 6 a.m.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress" of Asia arrived at Shanghai on March 12 at 5 p.m., left Shanghai on March 13 at 12.30 p.m. and is due at Hong Kong to-day at noon. She will sail for Manila at 5 p.m. on March 17.

The B.I. s.s. "Talma" will leave Amoy for this port on March 17 p.m., and is due here on March 18 p.m.

The B.I. s.s. "Santhia" left Singapore for this port on March 13 p.m., and is due here on March 19 a.m.

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POSITION IN SHIPBUILDING  
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## MAKING UP ARREARS.

There is very substantial encouragement in Lloyd's summary of shipbuilding for the year 1927. In this, which in a sense is Britain's most national industry, for on it her ancient sea-supremacy has been founded, there has been a marked recovery from the grievous depression of 1925 and 1926. No doubt the strike of 1926 accumulated arrears which have, as it were, come into account last year; but the fact remains that of the world's total output of shipping Great Britain's yards accounted for more than 50 per cent.—proportion as high as that which obtained before the War. Her nearest competitor, Germany, built less than a quarter of the tonnage that Great Britain built. What emphasises the significance of the figures is that of an increased world's output amounting to \$11,000 tons, 55,000 tons were launched in British steamers.

## British Increase.

The increased building has therefore been almost wholly British. It is also notable that of the total British output of new tonnage, nearly 22 per cent. was on foreign account—a proportion which approximates to the pre-war standard.

These encouraging returns must not obscure the fact that the British shipbuilding industry has still to make up an immense amount of leeway to make up (says "Shipping and Engineering"), judging by the record year of 1919, when the total world's tonnage launched was over 7,000,000 tons, or more than three times as much as the corresponding figure for 1927.

## Has Tide Turned.

But it does look as if the tide had turned, and that the desolate spectacle of Great Britain's idle shipyards, which has for so long afflicted the inquiring eye, is in process of transformation. The other notable feature of this Lloyd's summary is the extent to which oil is supplanting coal as fuel for ocean transport. Of the world-tonnage launched in 1927 (2,285,000 tons), only 905,000 tons were exclusively dependent on coal for propulsion, and 864,000 tons relied on internal combustion engines; while a third of the steam tonnage was fitted to burn oil fuel under the boilers. This represents a very big economic change, which could hardly have been without profound effect on Great Britain's coal industry. The last word in this rivalry between coal and oil has not been spoken, but how idle must appear, in the light of such significant facts, a merely political remedy like nationalisation!

## Shipping Abstract.

In	Arrivals	Departures	Port.
British	9	8	
Japanese	1	4	
Norwegian	1	0	
Chinese	4	6	
Dutch	2	2	
French	1	2	
German	1	0	
	19	22	

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NAGPORE	5,283	21st Apr. Noon	Marsilles & London
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KASHGAR	9,005	12th May Noon	Marsilles, London, Antwerp & Hull
JEVPORE	5,318	19th May Noon	Marsilles & London
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## NEW TENDENCIES.

### GROWTH OF "NATIONALISM" IN SHIPPING.

#### PRESTIGE V. BUSINESS.

"It cannot have escaped the notice of any careful observer that there have been very considerable changes in ideas and hypotheses in regard to the shipping business during the post-war period, and that one of the growing tendencies of these days is that which makes for the increasing nationalisation of mercantile shipping. In quite a number of countries the Governments are being urged to extend support to shipbuilders and ship-owners with a view to creating a national Mercantile Marine, and the incentive to this is given more from reasons of prestige and a false idea of nationalism than from considerations as to whether such an artificially created instrument could be made to pay its way. In other words, the shipping business, which formerly was regarded principally as the private affair of the enterprising owner who was willing to undertake the risk, is now belonging in certain countries mainly an affair of the State.

"As was the case before the war, when the Navy became for some nations a question of prestige instead of one of pure necessity, so now various States are demanding the largest possible mercantile marine for reasons of national pride, and without paying the slightest regard to economic necessities. Where such demands as these are being carried through, it can easily be understood that the shipowner is not being left to shoulder the whole of the burden, because, for one thing, in most cases his financial resources would not be adequate for the purpose. Therefore the demands of the community must be satisfied out of the common means, and the State itself must provide the requisites funds for the establishment and maintenance of a new shipping service which has suddenly been discovered to be a national necessity, or, to put it quite plainly, the national shipping must be subsidised.

State's Right to Intervene. "This assistance on the part of the State naturally carries with it the right of the State to intervene in the affairs of the company concerned, with the result that in many cases not merely the shipping but also the shipowner is nationalised. He is dependent, in a more or less visible form, upon the special wishes of the State. The unequivocal form of nationalised shipping is the State merchant fleet which, administered by a State department, entrenches upon the sphere of private business activity."

In the United States of America, says a writer in the "Kohlsche Zeitung," whose preliminary observations are summarised above, there has lately appeared a strong divergence of opinion between the advocates of "free" and of State shipping. Originally the supporters of State shipping had the majority of the American people behind them. They remembered that in the 'sixties of the last century, the United States possessed the largest fleet in the world, which, however, subsequently sank to a very unimportant factor in world traffic. Even the founding of the so-called "Morgan Trust" did not bring about the expected revival. Through the war, however, the situation was completely changed. In the last war years the United States built a gigantic fleet, which was augmented on the conclusion of peace by the former German ships which had been confiscated. This sudden expansion of tonnage (from 5,868,000 tons in 1914 to 15,623,000 tons in 1923) gave rise to the cry on the part of the shipping nationalists that American goods must be carried only on United States ships. But most of the vessels built during the war were unsuitable for the purposes for which they were used, and proved to be very expensive, so that between the fiscal years 1921/22 and 1925/26 the State had to make advances of about \$40,000,000.

Hence a large number of Americans who regarded the matter purely from a business point of view have protested against this squandering of public money, and demanded that the State fleet should be sold to private American owners. Suggestions were even made that there should be a gradual withdrawal from the North Atlantic trade and increased activity in the north and south American coasting trade, which is the natural sphere of business for an American fleet.

In Canada and Australia, the writer continues, there seems to be a desire to abandon the State fleets after they have proved to be too expensive, and except in the case of Poland there appears to be a movement in favour of withdrawing from State operation and giving stronger support to "private" shipping. In Italy heavy subsidies are granted, but for these there would appear to be

good economic reasons, and there is a good possibility that Italian shipping will soon be able to stand on its own feet and successfully engage in international competition.

The case of France is different, as there is not an extraordinary strong demand in that country for a State mercantile marine, although voices are raised for more financial assistance. The subsidies, indeed, are relatively small. For the building of the "Ile de France" and a sister ship the State assumed the guarantee for interest up to the amount of 220,000 francs, in addition to which there is a small subvention of about 155,000 francs. France also pays certain indirect subsidies, as for example, an allowance of 10 francs for each ton of petroleum imported, which is applied for the extension of the French tanker fleet.

After passing in review all the other countries which favour shipping subsidies, the writer comes to the conclusion that principally England and Germany, but to some extent also Holland, Belgium and Scandinavia, are the only maritime nations which are generally opposed to the subvention policy. It is admitted that even the Trade Facilities Act does not, properly speaking, come under the subsidy heading, and the same can be said, it is argued, of the facilities in the way of advances at low interest which are given to enable German owners to order tonnage so as to create work for the shipyards.

"The German shipowners," the writer concludes, "who have rebuilt their fleets by their own efforts are fundamentally opposed to the subvention tendencies. They have maintained this attitude even when certain personalities in the Government were ready to come forward in support of State assistance for shipping. The German shipowners decline any help from the State, and it cannot be regarded as a mere coincidence that in the numerous conferences they co-operate on the best of terms with the leaders of English shipping who hold the same view. In the face of the strong advance of the subsidy policy in other lands, there is a great possibility that out of this close co-operation in all important questions, a 'unit front' of all the advocates of free shipping will be formed.

"Whether one can remain permanently true to to-day's principles, depends, however, on others. When State ambition is seeking to place itself far outside the limits which have been traced by the laws of economics, when the lust for political prestige is ever pressing without any restraint towards the nationalisation of shipping, shipowners both in Germany and England will hardly be able to dispense altogether with State assistance. But if these two countries stand shoulder to shoulder in their battle for free shipping, they should be strong enough to gain a victory."

## PASSENGER LIST.

### ARRIVAL.

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### LIBEL CASE.

(Continued From Page 1.)  
Whilst counsel was pointing out to witness that reports containing the word "discharge" appeared in the "Daily Press" and the "Telegraph," His Lordship interjected: "Is it not a fact that the same report appears in different papers?"

Re-examined by Haynes upon this point, witness said that the evening newspapers must certainly condensed matters which occurred the night before.

Papers in Hong Kong, perhaps more than anywhere else, worked together.

Haynes in the Box.

Leslie Ernest Haynes, in the witness box, said, in reply to His Lordship, that he had brought the action to establish his credit and put an end to persecution. He submitted to the Court the "China Mail" on February 17 containing the heading "Haynes Again" and the "China Mail" of March 9, "as a part of the same campaign," containing the heading "Judge and Haynes."

Some Connection.

Cross-examined by Mr. Alabaster, Haynes said that at the time of the alleged libel, February 8, he was engaged in business he had already mentioned. He admitted, in regard to the poster, that there was some connection between the two lines "Law Society Suit" and "Haynes Discharged."

Dealing with the "China Mail" report, Mr. Alabaster pointed out that the "Daily Press" had said the Magistrate used the word "discharged" on two occasions and asked if defendant would be surprised to know that the "Morning Post" said the same.

Haynes: The "Morning Post" uses the same report as the "Telegraph."

In reply to further questions, Haynes said that at the Magistrate on the day in question Mr. Julian was in Court as a reporter. Haynes was then questioned regarding the meaning of the word "discharge."

In reply to His Lordship, Haynes admitted, after repeated questioning, that a Magistrate might, reasonably, have used the word "discharge" in dismissing a summons.

Counsel terminated his cross-examination by quoting Webster's interpretation of the word and obtaining the admission that "discharge" meant being exonerated or absolved from a charge.

No Case to Answer.

Mr. Alabaster, in addressing the Court, submitted that he had no case to answer.

His Lordship: I won't trouble you, Mr. Alabaster.

Addressing Haynes, His Lordship said he did not think there was a case and asked plaintiff if he had anything further to say.

The Best Thing.

Haynes said that he did not bring the action for the purpose of gaining pecuniary reward but to stop what he thought was persecution. It was astounding that they had it on the authority of Mr. Lindsell, the Magistrate, that police court cases were badly reported. It was astounding that people could deliberately deter a man from making good.

"For a man in my position," continued Haynes, "the best thing to do is to jump into the harbour and finish it all. Take that heading 'Haynes Again,' what is that if not malice?"

Judgment For Defendant.

His Lordship: It is clear in my mind that the words complained of are not defamatory and cannot possibly carry a defamatory interpretation. It seems to me in this action an attempt has been made to make a lot out of little. The action must fall to the ground."

Judgment was given for defendant with costs.

**"CHEER O" CONCERT.**

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A very successful concert was held in the Cheer 'O' Y.M.C.A. on Tuesday evening. The Misses Aileen and Doris Woods, who have given so much of their time and talent for the troops, were up to their usual standard of excellence, and could not satisfy the continual demand for encores. Mrs. W. R. Fleming, who is also well known in musical circles, was heard to advantage in her rendering of "Songs of the Fair." A new note was introduced into Cheer 'O' Concerts, by the appearance of Messrs. F. Danenberg, L. Silva, G. Pearson, and A. Remedios, who played a series of Hawaiian melodies, on guitars and ukuleles, to a very enthusiastic audience.

Mr. G. W. C. Burnett then related a few experiences, and described the Charge of the Light Brigade, much to the enjoyment of all concerned. Mr. Cusack, who possesses an excellent tenor voice, contributed "Oh! with the Motley" and replied to the applause with "Wonderful Mother of Mine." We should like to hear him again.

(Continued at foot of next page.)

### KOWLOON SCHOOL.

KRA RECOMMENDATION TO GOVERNMENT.

### DAIRY FARM EXTENSION.

The first monthly committee meeting of the new committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held on Monday night in St. Andrew's Church Hall, all members of the committee being present, i.e., Mr. E. Cock (President), Mr. B. W. Tape (Vice-President), Mr. E. Abraham (Hon. Treasurer), Mr. C. E. Terry (Hon. Secretary) and Messrs. C. M. Manners, J. M. Noronha, J. H. Hunt, F. C. Mow Fung, W. S. Bailey, F. W. Stapleton, B. Wylie, F. J. Easterbrook, F. H. Crapnell, W. J. Stokes, J. M. Wong, R. Pestonji, T. Arnott, H. Un, A. J. Martin, Rev. W. W. Rogers and Rev. J. H. Johnston.

After the usual formal business, sub-committees were appointed as follows:

Correspondence.—The President,

Two caddies were waiting at the caddy-house one day.

"What kind of score did that guy make this morning?" asked one caddie, "the one you were caddy-ing for?"

The second caddie replied belligerently: "That guy gave me two bucks, and his score is whatever he says it is!"

A Matter For Ladies.

A letter from the Dairy Farm Ice and Cold Storage Co., stating that they intended to extend their premises, and inviting suggestions as to improvements was read and discussed. A special sub-committee including two ladies was appointed to study the matter, and to bring forward recommendations to the General Committee.

A reply from the G.O.C. regarding the military forge shed in Chatham-road was considered at length, and it was decided to press for the early removal of this shed and the abatement of the noise attendant on changing guard, etc.

On the proposal of Mr. Manners, seconded by the Rev. J. H. Johnston, a resolution was unanimously carried that the Committee view with favour a recommendation to the Government that a new School or schools be built in Kowloon, and Mr. Wylie was asked to bring forward data on this subject at the next meeting.

The Hon. Treasurer reported that nearly fifty new members had joined the Association. Members were reminded that subscriptions for 1928 are now due, and should be sent to Mr. E. Abraham, c/o Messrs. Tester and Abraham, Hong Kong.

The traffic "white line" in Salisbury-road, the public pier, and the removal of trees in Nathan-road were also dealt with.

**BRIBE ON JUNK?**

POLICE LAUNCH COXSWAIN REMANDED.

As the sequel to an opium raid on board a junk in harbour on February 28, a Chinese police coxswain was yesterday charged before Major C. Wilson at the Central Magistracy with demanding a bribe of \$200 from the master of the junk.

Police evidence was that the accused gave information which led to the raid on the junk. On board an old man was found smoking opium. Near the man was a glass jar containing a small quantity of opium. A thorough search was made and no further opium was found. The opium in the jar was such a small quantity that the police did not think a charge was warranted.

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## LOCAL WEDDING.

MR. A. E. KEW AND MISS N. J. HO.

## YESTERDAY'S CEREMONY.

The wedding took place at Union Church, Kennedy-road, yesterday of Mr. Albert Edward Kew, son of Mr. C. W. Kew and the late Mrs. Kew, and Miss Nancy Joyce Ho, daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. Ho Fook. The Rev. J. Kirk Macomachie officiated.

The bride, who was charmingly attired in a gown of white satin with silver lace and carried a bouquet of Easter lilies, was given away by Mr. Ho Lu.

Miss Lily Cheung was the maid of honour, Master Algy Ho, son of Mr. Ho Ki, was page and the flower girls were Pamela and Cecilia Ho.

The best man was Mr. Ernest Manning.

Following a reception at 18a Macdonnell-road, Mr. and Mrs. Kew left for their honeymoon which is to be spent at Repulse Bay and later at Shanghai.

## BEER IN BABYLON.

WAS BREWED BY THE BAKERS.

## USE IN ANCIENT BRITAIN.

Here is a tale that will make glad the heart of every true Englishman. It is of good beer, the traditional drink of England, and will put to shame those who practice overmuch of the juice of southern grapes, and of the fermentations of northern barley.

Brew has a history as ancient and as notable as any other gift that the gods have bestowed upon mankind. This Mr. John F. Gretton, son of Colonel J. Gretton, M.P., chairman of Messrs. Bass, Ratcliff, and Gretton, Ltd., proved up to the hilt in a talk on the history of beer which he gave at Uttoxeter.

The explorer Dr. Huber, he said, has come to the conclusion that beer was brewed by the Babylonians as long ago as 7,000 B.C., and that it was from the Babylonians that the Egyptians learned the art. The history of beer, Mr. Gretton continued, is bound up with the beginnings of agriculture, and the bakers of Babylon and Egypt were the first brewers.

In ancient Egypt beer was more than a beverage—it formed an important part of sacrifices, and King Ramses III offered for sacrificial purposes during his reign no less than 466,303 jugs of beer. In 2200 B.C. there were beer houses and wine taverns in Babylon.

When Caesar invaded Britain he found the natives drinking chiefly mead, a drink made from honey, and their own kind of beer, but during the Roman occupation they soon learned to make and to like Roman beers. The brewers of ancient Britain were the Druid priests, and beer was used instead of wine at their feasts and gatherings.

"Aletide."

"Yuletide," indeed, really means "Aletide," and dates back to the love feasts of the early Christians. It was a strict rule at these feasts that alms should be given, and presents of malt were accordingly made to the churchwardens with which to brew the beer. Then, at Christmas or Whitsuntide, the great festivities were held, and the profits made from the sale of the beer provided a fund for the poor of the parish. This fund continued to exist in one form or another until the present Poor Law was instituted.

One kind of ale was "give ale," which was paid for out of legacies left by people for this purpose, and was given away. Thus two women once left two acres of land to Paddington Church, and, according to their will, bread and cheese were to be thrown out of the church steeple every year, and ale was to be distributed among the spectators. Until as late as 1856 a cask of "give ale" was placed every morning at the foot of the hill on the Watford-road, leading out of Rickmansworth.

In the Middle Ages the brewers of England were for the most part women. The explanation is that in those days beer was brewed in the home, just as bread was baked in the kitchen even. There is a romantic story of a poor girl who came to London in the reign of Charles I, and secured a post as "tub woman" at a brewery. Her work was to carry out beer every day. Her good looks so impressed the brewer that before very long he had married her, and not long after he died and left her a large fortune. She placed her affairs in the hands of Mr. Hyde, a lawyer, whom she afterwards married. This Mr. Hyde became the Earl of Clarendon, and the only daughter of the Earl and his lady became the wife of James II, and mother of Mary and Anne, both subsequently Queens of England.

## SOLICITOR CHARGED.

£65,000 SAID TO BE INVOLVED.

Edwin Thomas Hatt, 55, one of the best-known solicitors in Berkshire and Oxfordshire, appeared before the Reading magistrates in mid-week, charged with fraudulently converting to his own use £1,050 received by him on account of a client, Mrs. Clements, of Swallowfield.

Mr. Lawson Walton, for the Public Prosecutor, said the frauds dated back to 1912, and the approximate deficiency was £65,000. Mrs. Clements disposed of a bakery business, and the purchase money £1,050 was paid into Hatt's account, and the only person who had power to draw upon it was Hatt.

Mrs. Emily Clements, a widow, gave evidence that she had never received any of the money. The case was adjourned. Hatt has

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## TOY VENDORS.

THOSE IN TRAFALGAR SQUARE.

## VIVID HUES.

The misty splendours of sunset are gathering in Trafalgar-square. Crowds of the howward bound, ever going but never gone, weave in and out like wreaths of smoke at the base of the Nelson Column, beside the equestrian statue of Charles' Second, and where the lions of Landseer look majestically down. Under the quiet hues of sunset and the first few stars there rises a dull upsurge from the thunderous heart of the city—a sound that speaks of power and wide dominion. In every stone of the solid buildings that hem the Square, in the great dimly lighted space, and most of all in the unhurrying determination of the multitude itself, the strength and persistence of an indomitable race is revealed. But one looks in vain for any touch of gayety. All colours are subdued, all forms are massive, grace seems to be sacrificed everywhere to endurance.

And yet there is one spot of vivid hues yonder beside the lions that guard the Nelson monument. What are those splashes of gold and scarlet, so brilliant, even in this failing light? Threading a way through the traffic, we are soon standing beside them and see that they are children's toys exposed for sale. A strange contrast, certainly, this huddle of gaudy trinkets and baubles gathered here between the great warrior and the king!

Half a dozen hucksters have taken their stand here on the banks of the human river to exhibit their wares. And what curious wares! Rubber flamingoes in orange and crimson, pneumatic elephants in purple and green, emerald parrots and cockatoos and domestic fowl, stand out against the chilly granite bizarre and exotic glory. Here also are innumerable tin and wooden soldiers in coats of scarlet, and blue-crested policemen enough to control the traffic of a metropolis. Here are vociferous five-inch dogs, with coats of hair strongly reminiscent of the mammoth, bouncing off their tiny feet at every bark. Here are finger-long cats; very realistic in voice, and fur and whisker, and automobiles that travel always in a circle—as though made to operate exclusively in Trafalgar Square—and trains that will run almost half a city block without rewinding. Most remarkable of all are the aerobatic dolls in circus costume and many nationalities, some of which are able to turn four successive somersaults with determination and dispatch, and then to get through half of a fifth. These gay little figures of wood and metal are tumbling all over the curb stones and are lying here and there in surprising attitudes of arrested animation. Others are climbing tiny ladders and prouetting from the top while a third group in seafaring garb are performing the Spanish hornpipe to a tune of their own imagining. So cheerful they are, these holiday makers of cloth and wood and paint, that they make the rest of us look and feel rather absurdly serious and sober.

And the keepers of these rubber menageries and mechanical gymnasts have also a cheerful and confident look, as though they knew their importance. Undismayed by the thunder of traffic and the weaving throngs, they smile as though with some inner knowledge of the iron contrasts their baubles suggest. They add the touch of gayety which had seemed lacking, and thereby remind us that England has somehow preserved, in all her power and dominion, the recollection of childhood. Nelson's monument towering up among the stars, the proud face of King Charles gazing toward Whitehall, and the impasive lions of Landseer express only half of England. They would be incomplete and misleading if the twilights of early winter did not bring forth every year these troupe of orange flamingoes, these dancing dolls, and these five-inch barking dogs with coats of mammoth-hair.

## "THE SAP" AT STAR.

A lad who has been pampered all his life by his mother is the central figure in "The Sap," which comes to the Star Theatre to-day. During the war, the mother's boy is drafted to France, and through a mistake he is credited with having effected the capture of twenty-two of the enemy and is decorated for his supposed bravery. Back home he is acclaimed as a hero until the town bully steps in and reveals the fact that the lad is a coward. After many humiliations and struggles, however, he finally vindicates himself in a terrible fight with the bully. Kenneth Harlan is ably supported by an excellent cast which includes Mary McAllister, David Butler and Heffie Conklin. "The Sap" will be shown until Saturday.

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## CINEMA NOTES.

"THE HEAVEN" COMING ON SUNDAY.

## MARY PICKFORD TO-DAY.

Acclaimed by the newspapers of London, Paris and New York as one of the most remarkable pictures ever screened, "The Heaven" is coming to the Queen's Theatre on Sunday for a run of seven days, according to a special advertisement in this issue. The central figures in the story are a worker in the sears of Paris and a wife of the streets. These roles are filled by Janet Gaynor and Charles Farrell who are said to have given the finest screen portrayal of the year. All of the foggy romantic atmosphere of the Paris Montmartre where the story is laid has been retained through expert lighting and photography in the picture—and all of the intimate and beautiful thoughts which made the stage play so great have been kept through direction and acting. Frank Borzage, who directed the production, has achieved a masterpiece. "7th Heaven" is a picture that cannot be too highly praised, according to the opinion of London, Paris and New York critics. Altogether "7th Heaven" marks a new achievement in cinema production, and as such, is one of those pictures, like "Ben-Hur," which everybody must see. Owing to its exceptional length only three performances can be given daily, and these start promptly at 2.30, 6.00 and 9.15 p.m.

## "MY BEST GIRL"

Specially written for "the world's sweetheart" by Kathleen Norris, Mary Pickford's new film, "My Best Girl," will be the attraction at the Queen's to-day till Saturday. "My Best Girl" can best be described as "delightful" in the fullest sense of the word. The picture makes no attempt at pretentiousness: it is purely a simple, human story of a shy little girl employee in a five-and-ten-cent store who falls in love with the son of the wealthy owner, at first not knowing his identity. Naturally, difficulties soon crop up and many obstacles have to be overcome before all ends happily. Mary Pickford is extremely lovable as the little store girl, while Charles Rogers, who takes the male lead, a new comer to the screen, does his full share in making "My Best Girl" an entertaining picture. "My Best Girl" is especially notable for its humour, the comedy situations having been well worked out by the director, Sam Taylor, well known for its excellent work with Harold Lloyd. Something new in photographic effects has been obtained by the camera man.

## A PETER B. KYNE FILM.

The beautiful Yosemite Valley provides the settings for "The Understanding Heart," which will be shown at the World Theatre from to-day to Saturday. The story has been adapted from the well known novel by Peter B. Kyne and concerns the lives of forest rangers at their lonely outposts. Joan Crawford plays the part of a young girl whose work it is to watch for forest fires from a station which is placed at the summit of a high hill. How, during a terrific blaze, she is finally rescued from her perilous position, makes a thrilling climax to an exciting picture. Carmel Myers and Rockefell Fellowes head the supporting cast. Plenty of comedy relief is provided by Richard Carle and Harvey Clark, two old foresters who have a secret "still" and are forever trying to hide their guilt. "The Understanding Heart" was directed by Jack Conway who came to public notice through his work in "Brown of Harvard."

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## "THE VESSA" TROPHY.

## YESTERDAY'S HARBOUR RACE.

## DOUGLAS LINE VICTORY.

There were not so many entries as usual yesterday for the Trevease Trophy (awarded to the winning lifeboat from ships in harbour over a course from Channel Rocks, the Yacht Club, Cust Rock Buoy and finish at the Yacht Club), but the usual keenness marked the progress of the race which was won by the a.s. "Haiyang" (Douglas Line). This is the third time the trophy has been won by the Douglas Line while the Java-China-Japan Line have won it six times.

Among the officials present in the judge's boat were Mr. A. L. Shields (Commodore of the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club); Mr. R. J. Vernal, Hon. Secretary, Mr. E. W. Carpenter, Mr. H. Dreyer, Mr. Tracey, and Commander J. R. Newill, R.N.

The two Douglas boats sprang into the lead from the start while of the other three boats, competing, the "Chipping" was third and the "Cheongshing" a close fourth. The "Haiyang" boat went close inshore to Kowloon Dock after rounding the mark and was thus able to gain on the "Haihang." At Cust Rock Buoy, the "Haiyang" had a commanding lead and maintained it during the hard pull to the Yacht Club. The "Chipping" boat was the third to turn at Cust Rock Buoy but beat the "Haihang" on the last lap.

## The Result:

The result was as follows:— "Haiyang" (Douglas) Mr. Twibill, 53 mins. 45 secs. "Chipping" (Indo-China) Mr. Burleigh, 56 mins. 1 sec. "Haihang" (Douglas) Captain E. Walker, 56 mins. 26 secs. "Cheongshing" (Indo-China) Mr. J. D. Patzer, 59 mins. 42 secs. "Chinhuia" (China Navigation) Mr. A. Nasimith 51 mins. 44 secs.

At the Yacht Club, after the race, the trophy was presented to Mr. Twibill by Mr. A. L. Shields who complimented the leader and his men and regretted the absence of any J.C.L. boats owing to there being no boats in harbour.

Mr. A. H. White replied for the Douglas Line and three cheers were given for the winning crew, congratulatory toasts being drunk amid enthusiasm.

To-day—Annual Inspection of Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps by H.E. Major-General C. C. Luard, C.B., C.M.G., at Murray Parade ground, 6 p.m.

March 18—Inaugural ceremony of the opening of the first section of the Macao-Shekki-road.

March 21—Dinner by Committee and Members of H.K. Chinese Chamber of Commerce, to Hon. Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, at Chinese Merchants Club, China-bldg.

March 30—Annual dinner of the Institution of Engineers and Ship-builders, 8 p.m.

## NUDE IN ART.

## "ADAM AND EVE AND SOUTHPORT."

It is a long time since we have had a town council withdrawing a picture from its art gallery on account of its alleged impropriety, notes the "Manchester Guardian." The charge of indecency had been made in the past against a very decorative Albert Moore, which so offended Mr. Horsley, an aged Academician, that he scratched its glass, the incident evoking Whistler's epigram "Horsley soit qui mal y pense." But it is a long time since the nude in art last worried local authorities. The present generation, accustomed to short skirts and unclothed legs on the stage, will find it difficult to understand what the fuss is about.

The attack on Mr. Roberts' picture "Adam and Eve" by the Southport Art Committee of the Town Council is particularly difficult to comprehend, for he is the least realistic of all our notable painters. His figures have been compared to planks, boxes of matches, paint-tubes, Robots, etc., by old-fashioned people. He has held on to his own form of Cubism when other experimentalists had retired to the main body in representational art. He has worked out his own formulae to a point of curious expressiveness which impinges on the mind through its force of design and movement of life into a sort of Whitmanic poetry of hard form and colour.

But how a town councillor can find any sensuousness, any freshly school of painting in the art of William Roberts beats comprehension! Even the grimmest Cubist could get a laugh out of that.

stances contrive to keep them from the battlefield. Finally they find themselves aboard a tramp steamer, of which the captain and his two soldier passengers are rivals for the hand of a beautiful Arabian princess.

On landing in Arabia, the two soldiers find themselves in a hornet's nest, but in a thrilling climax they escape with the girl. The leading role in this rollicking comedy is splendidly enacted by Louis Wolheim, who played the original part of Captain Flag in "Whit Pica Glory," and William Boyd the hero. The leading lady is the lovely Mary Astor of "Don Q." fame.

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## Shadows Before.

## COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

To-day—Dance at the "Cheer O" Y.M.C.A., 7.30 p.m.

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "My Best Girl."

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To-day—Farewell dinner of ship's company, H.M.S. "Ambrose," in Lane Crawford's Restaurant, 8.30 p.m.

March 22—Musical at Helena May Institute, 5.30 p.m.

Sports.

March 17—Extra rice meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Race Course, Happy Valley.

March 20—H. K. Golf Club (Ladies' Section) bogey competition. New Course, Fanling.

March 24—Annual University Athletic sports, 4 p.m.

March 31—Fanling Hunt Steeplechase (Easter Meeting).

Lamplighter Auctions.

March 16—At Kowloon Wharf Godown No. 51 Lower, miscellaneous goods, etc., etc., at Godown No. 17, 135 kegs wine niale, and at Godown No. 6, one ball paper, 11 a.m.

March 17—At Sales Room, Dudell-st., one Studebaker Motor car (5-seater), one Cadillac Motor car (7-seater), noon.

March 17—At Sales Room, Dudell-st., miscellaneous goods and sundries, 11 a.m.

March 19—At Yuen Mow Hong Godown, Praya, Kennedy Town, miscellaneous goods, 11 a.m.

Meetings.

March 16—Thirty-ninth general meeting, of the H.K. Electric & Co., Ltd., Company's offices, P. &

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## LOCAL AND GENERAL SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Liverpool magistrates decided to urge legislation for hearing in camera of petitions for legitimisation.

The ship's company of H.M.S. "Ambrose" held a farewell dance in Messrs. Lane, Crawford's restaurant at 8.30 to-night.

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New York, March 14.—The Stock Exchange began its investigation of the report on the technical "corner" which existed in the Radio Corporation common stock, in view of the shares' advance of \$45 in the last seven trading sessions.—Reuter's American Service.

Owing to a failure of its brakes a train crashed into a platform at Zandvoort, Holland. A woman passenger was killed and several injured.

Rominder: annual inspection by H.E. the Governor of St. John Ambulance Brigade on the Murray Parade ground at 5.15 p.m. tomorrow.

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At the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, three Chinese shoemakers appeared before Mr. W. Schofield charged with the unlawful possession of a quantity of seditious literature in a house in Woosung-street. A week's remand was given for the documents to be fully examined.

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The Jug-Slavian submarine depot ship "Hvar" and the submarines "Hrabi" and "Nebojša" arrived at Plymouth on a six weeks' visit.

Mr. J. Shepard, residing at No. 7, Nathan-road, reports that his coolie-boy absconded with a suit case containing a rain-coat and an over-coat valued at \$170.

Two Nottingham hosiery manufacturers, Mr. H. F. Lancashire and Mr. George Spencer, are jointly giving \$20,000 to endow a chair at the new Nottingham University.

Mr. F. G. Murray, a director of Messrs. Johnson & Sons, manufacturing chemists, with Mrs. Murray, has arrived in Hong Kong on the "Mantua." Mr. Murray is travelling on business.

A fruit seller, of No. 66, Stanley-street reports to the Police that yesterday morning he entrusted a fok to collect money from various customers totalling \$423.36. The fok is known to have collected the money but has since absconded, the master alleges.

Holders of tickets for the Orthophonic Gramophone that is being raffled by the Misses Aileen and Doris Woods are informed that the drawing will take place at the office of the "China Mail," No. 3A, Wyndham-street, on Saturday, March 31, at 11.15 a.m.

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# Sport Columns

## HOLDER LOSES.

Scots Boxer Champions Meet.

## TWO TITLES INVOLVED.

Milligan Disqualified Against Ireland.

London, Yesterday. Edinburgh is all agog with excitement over to-night's twenty round middle-weight boxing championship of Britain and Europe between Tommy Milligan (holder) and Alex Ireland. Both are Scots. They are in perfect condition and inside the weight limit.—Reuter.

Ahead on Points.

Later. Ireland won. Milligan was disqualified in the ninth round.

Milligan was disqualified for hitting low when he was ahead on points.—Reuters.

## HOME SOCCER.

LEAGUE MATCHES PLAYED IN MID-WEEK.

## RESULTS AND TABLES.

London, Yesterday. Principal league football matches played to-day (home teams mentioned first) resulted as follow:

Division I.: Sunderland 5, Arsenal 1; Manchester United 1, Everton 0; Huddersfield 3, Blackburn 1.

Division II.: Chelsea 4, Grimsby 0.

Div. III. (South): Crystal Pal. 3, Torquay 2; Southend 1, Swindon 1.

Div. III. (North): Bradford City 3, Rutherford 1.—Reuter.

The respective tables now stand as follow:

Division I.

	Goals.		
	P. W.	D. L.	F. A. Pts.
Huddersfield	31	18	5 8 76 50 41
Everton	32	14	10 8 76 53 38
Cardiff	32	14	8 10 59 51 36
Bolton	32	14	7 11 64 56 35
Leicester	32	14	7 11 61 50 35
Blackburn	32	13	9 10 48 54 36
Newcastle	31	12	9 10 56 61 33
Burnley	33	14	4 15 61 73 32
Liverpool	32	11	9 12 72 65 31
Sunderland	30	12	7 11 62 58 31
Tottenham	31	15	5 13 62 63 31
West Ham	32	12	7 13 64 65 31
Arsenal	30	11	8 11 65 66 30
Middlesb'.	32	10	12 68 67 30
Birmingham	32	9	12 11 51 62 30
Bury	33	14	2 17 55 66 30
Derby	31	11	7 13 69 68 29
Aston Villa	30	12	5 13 61 62 29
Manchester U.	31	11	7 13 49 55 29
Sheffield U.	31	10	7 14 55 67 27
Portsmouth	31	10	7 14 50 73 27
Wednesday	30	9	10 55 66 27

Division II.

	Goals.		
	P. W. D. L.	F. A. Pts.	
Chelsea	32	20	6 6 63 46
Manchester C.	31	18	6 8 75 46 42
Preston	32	17	7 8 60 44 42
Leeds	31	18	7 9 55 44 42
Oldham	31	16	6 8 59 45 38
Stoke	31	16	6 9 58 46 38
Wals. Brom.	32	12	9 10 73 55 35
Port Vale	31	15	3 17 57 47 33
Swans.	31	12	7 11 61 56 33
Bristol C.	32	12	7 12 64 61 33
Notts. For.	30	13	6 12 66 60 32
Grimsby	33	10	10 12 49 64 32
Hull	30	9	11 10 35 40 29
Notts. Ctry.	32	9	9 14 53 60 27
Clapton	31	10	7 14 46 65 27
Barsley	31	9	8 14 59 65 26
Southampton	30	9	7 16 49 59 25
Blackpool	31	9	7 16 62 83 25
Fulham	31	9	6 17 50 73 23
Wolves	31	8	7 16 48 77 23
South Shields	32	4	6 22 42 92 14

Division III. (South)

	Goals.		
	P. W.	D. L.	F. A. Pts.
Millwall	31	20	5 6 65 45 45
Northants	32	18	5 6 63 45 45
Plymouth	31	16	5 10 65 44 37
Brighton	31	14	8 9 62 53 30
Exeter	30	13	9 8 57 41 35
Swindon	27	14	6 7 65 47 34
Queen's Park	31	14	6 11 51 39 34
Newport	30	13	7 10 60 51 33
Crystal Pal.	31	12	9 10 55 58 33
Southend	30	13	4 12 55 53 32
Brentford	32	13	4 15 67 60 30
Charlton	20	10	9 40 42 50 30
Bournemouth	30	11	7 12 64 56 20
Gillingham	29	10	8 11 47 51 28
Watford	30	10	5 15 61 59 25
Bristol R.	30	11	3 16 55 68 25
Norwich	30	8	8 14 64 58 24
Mersey	32	8	8 16 45 72 24
Coventry	30	9	6 16 61 69 23
Walsh	32	9	5 38 63 73 23
Torquay	31	10	10 16 38 74 22
Luton	29	8	5 16 64 71 21

Division III. (North)

	Goals.		
	P. W.	D. L.	F. A. Pts.
Bradford	32	21	8 3 65 31 52
Doncaster	31	19	5 7 68 33 48
Stockport	30	17	5 8 62 33 39
Tranmere	30	16	7 10 55 44 36
Darlington	32	13	10 6 65 44 36
Bradford C.	32	13	10 9 65 50 36
Lincs.	32	16	4 11 63 59 36
Southport	31	10	3 12 55 51 35
Wrexham	32	15	6 12 49 49 35
Accrington	32	18	8 11 62 54 34
Hallifx	31	11	10 10 61 52 32
Rochdale	30	15	1 14 61 60 31
New Brighton	30	11	7 12 51 45 29
Rotherham	32	11	7 14 55 54 29
Harlepool	32	12	5 15 54 45 29
Chesterfield	32	10	8 14 60 62 28
Crowe	31	8	7 16 68 70 28
Ashington	31	7	7 18 51 86 21
Durham	32	8	5 19 41 75 21
Barrow	32	7	7 18 39 86 21
Wigan	32	7	0 19 41 77 20
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## LAWN TENNIS.

### ANNUAL TOURNAMENT AT HKCC.

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**"MAIL" REVIEW.****MORE DESERT HOT AIR.**

Miss Ivy M. Clayton really ought not to do these things. And yet, why not? Her latest book will sell like the proverbial hot cakes, and we suppose the modern author's prime aim is not to honour the English language but to fill his, or in this case, her, pockets with the shillings gladly spent by hysterical flappers, anaemic youths and others who feel that an impossible tale of romance in the desert brings a thrill into their lives.

To quote two examples of Miss Clayton's style—by no means unique in these decadent days—"Deep blue night hung like a brooding god of silence over the Sahara. In the vast vault above blazed a million stars—a wondrous regalia on the breast of the heavens—jewelling the course of a magnificent full moon which moved wide arms of opal light through the dusky stillness...."

"With features distorted, his dark eyes burning like two fireballs, he strode back into the tent "Beryl," he said, his voice ringing out like a bugle call upon the night."

The story involves a forced imprisonment, a seduction, the unavoidable consequences thereof, a flight and of course, an ending as sweet and cloying as Lyle's finest product. How long, O publishers, how long will you flood the market with books of this type before a wearied and nauseated reading public rebels and refuses to buy your trash? "The Sheik" has a lot to answer for—he was followed by "The Son of the Sheik" and a whole tribe of minor sheiklets; the hero of "Desert Flames" is a distant descendant of somewhat doubtful origin, of the original. How many more are to come? Many, we fear. A certain section of readers will never rebel—they not only tolerate but encourage books of this type and lay upon sickening sentiment as so many kittens would lap up cream. Fortunately not all authors are as Miss Clayton, but alas, they languish in obscurity while she blazes in fame.

—K. E.  
"Desert Flames" by Ivy M. Clayton. (Stanley Paul & Co., Ltd.)

**BISHOP BARNES.**

It is but a few years since Dr. Barnes, then a Canon of Westminster, preached in the Abbey on the subject of "Evolution" in a manner which aroused considerable controversy. On his promotion to the See of Birmingham he found himself confronted by the prevalence of Anglo-Catholic belief and practice in the Diocese of which he had now become the spiritual head. In consequence Dr. Barnes has of late been at much pains to expose and denounce the errors of mediaeval superstition which centre around the Eucharist and the Catholic interpretation of the Real Presence.

Only six months ago an incident took place in St. Paul's Cathedral, London, where exception was publicly taken by a leading Anglo-Catholic to the Bishop's appearance in the Pulpit: this sermon is included in this book.

The purpose of the book is, as the author states in the preface, to present "at the request of a number of friends and correspondents" such a choice from his many utterances of the last few years "that the most characteristic and most criticised elements in my teaching should be fully represented." While he realises that in thus voicing modern ways of thinking he gives "real offence" to

many, Dr. Barnes offers this selection of his utterances in their own setting and in the main in chronological order, choosing as the lesser of the two evils to risk offending those who like to close their minds rather than to help in alienating the masses of thinking men and women.

Though insisting on the theory of Evolution as an established fact, the author speaks with most tolerant appreciation of such men as Wesley, Isaac Watts, and General Bramwell Booth; in fact tolerance is insisted on as a fundamental principle of Christian ethics.

On the other hand there is wide and open dissent from much of the theology of St. Paul, and St. Augustine, and of the mass of beliefs enshrined in tradition, whether Catholic or Protestant, for everything which can possibly come under the heading of superstition is open to his censure, the Bishop firmly believing that the safety of the Church is imperilled by its "purveying non-moral semi-magical beliefs which are a travesty of Christianity," and that deference for those who dislike to think is no excuse for opposing what science declares to be the truth.

"Sacramental Magic" is repeatedly denounced, and "man's ape-like ancestry" is reiterated with increasing emphasis.

These Sermons and Addresses cover a great variety of occasions and were given before a wide assortment of audiences—to Westminster Abbey congregations—Conferences of Modern Churchmen—Oxford and Cambridge undergraduates—Women Teachers—Horticulturists—Psychologists—the British Association—Free Churchmen—the British Medical Association—Science Masters—enthusiasts on Eugenics—the Members of the Union Educational Association—Westminster Schoolboys—and the mid-day congregation at a weekly service in Birmingham Parish Church.

Throughout these thirty-one Sermons there occur criticisms of those who oppose scientific pronouncements of truth, but there is more predominantly the positive assertion of what is a reasonable faith, service, devotion, self-sacrifice, toleration, untiring pursuit of truth.

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Dr. Barnes has deliberately chosen to put forward as his "Apologia" a selection of addresses evenly distributed over several years, lest any newly worded statement of his ideas might be coloured by incidents, or events of the moment. He will most certainly have his reward by being read with appreciation by people of widely differing shades of belief, including those whom he attacks, for he sincerely attempts to be impartial, and though in some measure the Bishop shows himself to be a stormy petrel, on the whole he is truly more of a dove of peace.

"Torp."  
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Prof. Soothill, M.A., who is acting as visiting Professor at Columbia University, New York, till June, lecturing on "Chinese Language and Literature," has a new book in the Press. It is entitled, "China and England," and is being published by the Oxford University Press.

**I.C.I. MAGAZINE.**

New Chemicals Concern "House" Publication.

The "China Mail" has received a copy of the first issue of the Magazine of Imperial Chemical Industries, Limited (January 1928). The production is well worthy of Sir Alfred Mond's words: "The first issue of a new venture in a new enterprise. What does it stand for? The new spirit in industry...."

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**POETRY.****AS IN THE AGE OF EPIGRAM.**

It is the fashion for those who admire the romantic revival of the early nineteenth century to dismiss with a somewhat cavalier gesture the poetry of the so-called Augustan Age. Its artificiality has with them become a by-word; it is readily labelled as a time of "Swains" and "Nymphs," of impossible shepherds and simpering shepherdesses, of "finny tribes," "gallineous fowl," and "feathered flocks." The characterisation is true enough—up to a certain point; but the romantics, in attacking the narrow imaginative range and the cult, for correctness which marked the poetry of Pope and his school, are apt to deal too leniently with the unbridled emotions of their own time. It is not altogether unusual, for instance, to find these poets occasionally approaching perilously near to writing non-sense. We remember Arnold's strictures on Shelley's lines:

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"BY COLLY—JUST LOOK HOW THEM WOMEN DRESS. IT'S AWFUL! WHAT'S THE WORLD COMIN' TO? I WISH I HAD THE NERVE TO GIVE 'EM MY OPINION."

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## \$1,000 RHINOCEROS.

MOST VALUABLE OF ALL THE ANIMALS.

FROM INDIA.

London, Feb. 1. The Indian rhinoceros at the Zoo is a proud fellow to-day. All the animals, birds and reptiles have been valued by the authorities, and the Indian "rhino" is the most valuable of the lot. He is worth £1,000, a good deal more than any other beast, bird or reptile.

Most people will be surprised at the total value of the animals in the Zoo. The grand total of £34,736 seems so ridiculously small that many wealthy people will want to start a rival Zoo. But it is really exceedingly difficult to say what the Zoo would have to pay if all the animals had to be replaced.

Lions are at a discount. The market is weak, probably because the "bears" have been busy. "Lions," said an authority disgustedly, "are a drug in the market. On the other hand, the tiger market is bright and active."

Small But Valuable.

Eleven lions at the Zoo are only valued at £50 each, whereas £100 is little for a tiger.

Elephants come out of the valuation fairly well. Each of the five at the Zoo are worth £600. A hippopotamus is put down at £300, and "Jimmy," the little hippo, who was bred at the Gardens, and is only one year old, is worth £400. The keepers are exceedingly pleased about that. Two bigmy hippos are each worth the same price.

The whole of the population of monkey hill, which is made up of 74 Hamadryas baboons are valued at £740. These are the sacred baboons of Egypt, and £10 each seems a small price for them. A mountain zebra comes high on the list at £250.

When the curator had to value the reptiles, he must have felt like an assistant in a draper's shop, or the man who weighs out butter in a store, for the pythons are valued by the foot, or the yard, and giant tortoises by their weight. One python was found to be 25 feet. One can imagine the curator singing out: "That will be £75, madame."

The giant tortoise was put on the scale knowing that he would be worth £100 a cwt. He turned the scale at 3 cwt.

The collection of 16 birds of paradise is the most valuable in the world. Each bird is worth £40. King Penguins, as their regal name suggests, do not go begging. Each of the six are worth £75.

The total valuation is made up as follows: Mammals, £24,707;

birds, £7,454; fishes, £2,050; reptiles, £1,525.

It should be mentioned in his favour, that "George," the alligator, is now 90 years old. As he grows older so does he become fatter and bigger, and the bigger and fatter and older he becomes, up goes his price. He now weighs 4 cwt., and is worth a great many more pounds in sterling.

## POETRY.

(Continued from Page 10.)

"But when chill blustering winds,  
Or driving rain,  
Forbid my willing feet, be mine  
the hut,

That from the mountain side  
Views wilds, and swelling floods,

"And hamlets brown, and dim-  
discovered spires;

And hears their simple bell, and  
marks o'er all

The dewy fingers draw  
The gradual dusky veil."

Nothing could be more typical of

eighteenth-century work, and yet

few things in our literature yield

to these lines for quiet beauty.

The poetry was capable, moreover,

of rising at times to a noble

dignity. Whether Goldsmith or

Doctor Johnson wrote it, we should

search far before we could surpass

the fine simile at the close of The

Deserted Village:

"As some tall cliff that rears its

awful form.

Swells from the vale, and midway

leaves the storm,

Though round its breast the rolling

clouds are spread,

Eternal sunshine settles on its

head."

In a time like our own, when there is so much careless writing—so much unbridled sentimentalism, so much uncensored freedom in subject and utterance—is it not a relief to turn, if only for a moment, to the poetry of the classic age? So neat and choice it is; correct to a nicety; content with the limitations of a severe taste; seeking not to shock to tears or rouse to fury, but quietly to touch the higher emotions through first touching the intellect.

## CANCER SCOURGE.

STORIES OF REMARKABLE CURES.

TESTS WITH RATS.

London, Feb. 1. Remarkable cures of cancer—in rats—are described by Dr. Thomas Lumsden in the "Lancet."

Dr. Lumsden works at the Lister Institution in London, with a grant from the British Empire Cancer Campaign, and his results during the last few years have been, perhaps, more encouraging than those of any other investigator.

Recently he has studied the way in which the body tries to defend itself against the growth of a cancer. There is always, he considers, an attempt to resist the disease, for cancer is stranger, whose presence makes the body "angry," though not always angry enough to take effective action.

He finds that the blood of a rat which has a cancerous growth contains a substance actively hostile to that growth, and his object has been to discover how this substance can be increased and the forces of defence reinforced.

When the growth is not very big, he believes that the tissues of the body can fight and win their own battle if they are alive to the danger and angry enough against the intruder.

Usually the development of cancer is insidious and gradual, so that the body never becomes angry until it is too late, and Dr. Lumsden's idea is to force the enemy to show its true colours early in the struggle.

For this purpose he injects into the growth a solution of formalin, which poisons many of the cancer cells, and thus acts free the irritating substances they contain, which were previously masked.

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## REGT.'S HONOUR.

SOLDIER WHO GAVE HIMSELF UP.

6 MONTHS' OLD CRIME.

For an offence committed six months ago, Robert Hayward, a soldier, was at Brighton Police Court sentenced to six months' hard labour for stealing £50 in a wallet from the pocket of a Brighton hotel proprietor, who had employed him as a waiter.

Since the offence he had joined the Army, but when he told the instructor of the regiment what he had done, the instructor said, "For the honour of the regiment and the honour of yourself you should give yourself up; get yourself clear and start afresh."

He gave himself up to the police in London.

His record was produced, showing that he had been many times convicted.

## JOFFRE'S RENT.

MARSHAL DECIDES TO SEEK OTHER QUARTERS.

Paris, Jan. 29. Marshal Joffre, the victor of the Marne, will shortly be turned out of his home like any ordinary citizen. The seven-year lease on which he held his apartment recently expired, and the landlord informed him that the rent would be doubled from July 31.

French Army pensions, even those of a marshal, are not very high, and so Marshal Joffre has no option but to leave.

"Some of my friends tell me to stay where I am, as the law is on my side," he remarked. "Since I am over 70 I cannot be turned out. But I shall not take their advice. When my lease is up I shall go and rest my old bones in some quiet flat or house. I shall leave because I detest lawsuits and legal quibbles."

A letter from Señor Ramirez, a Spaniard who has lived in France for the past forty-seven years, is published in the French newspapers, states an Exchange message, offering Marshal Joffre rent-free accommodation.

"As the owner of properties at Paris (Passy) and at Nice," he writes, "I offer to the glorious Marshal a comfortable apartment at either place at his choice for the rest of his life. If he will honour us by accepting the sunshine of Nice he would be happy, comfortable, and long lived, and we should be greatly obliged to him."

Señor Ramirez occupies the villa L'Aiglon at Nice.

## PEARL WHITE.

FORMER HUSBAND FOUND SHOT.

Hollywood.—With a bullet in his head, the police found the body of Major Wallace McCutcheon, former husband of Miss Pearl White, the famous screen star, lying in a hotel room.

A gin bottle lay near by. With it was a message which said "Have a drink."

Mr. Wallace McCutcheon was a New York matinee idol and film star for many years. In 1914 he crossed the Atlantic and joined the British Army as a private and was eventually given a commission.

Six Wounds.

His war record was a very fine one. He was wounded half a dozen times before being invalidated out. He was then 21.

It was during the filming of "The Black Secret" that Pearl White—the £600 a week actress—met McCutcheon. They fell in love and married some years ago. Differences, however, arose, and Miss White divorced him in 1922.

After that he disappeared for some time, but later again appeared in Hollywood.

McCutcheon, besides being a very fine actor, was an extremely clever dancer.

## STANDARD TIME.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG.

Sunrise and sunset in Hong Kong during March, according to the standard time of the 120th meridian east of Greenwich, is as follows:

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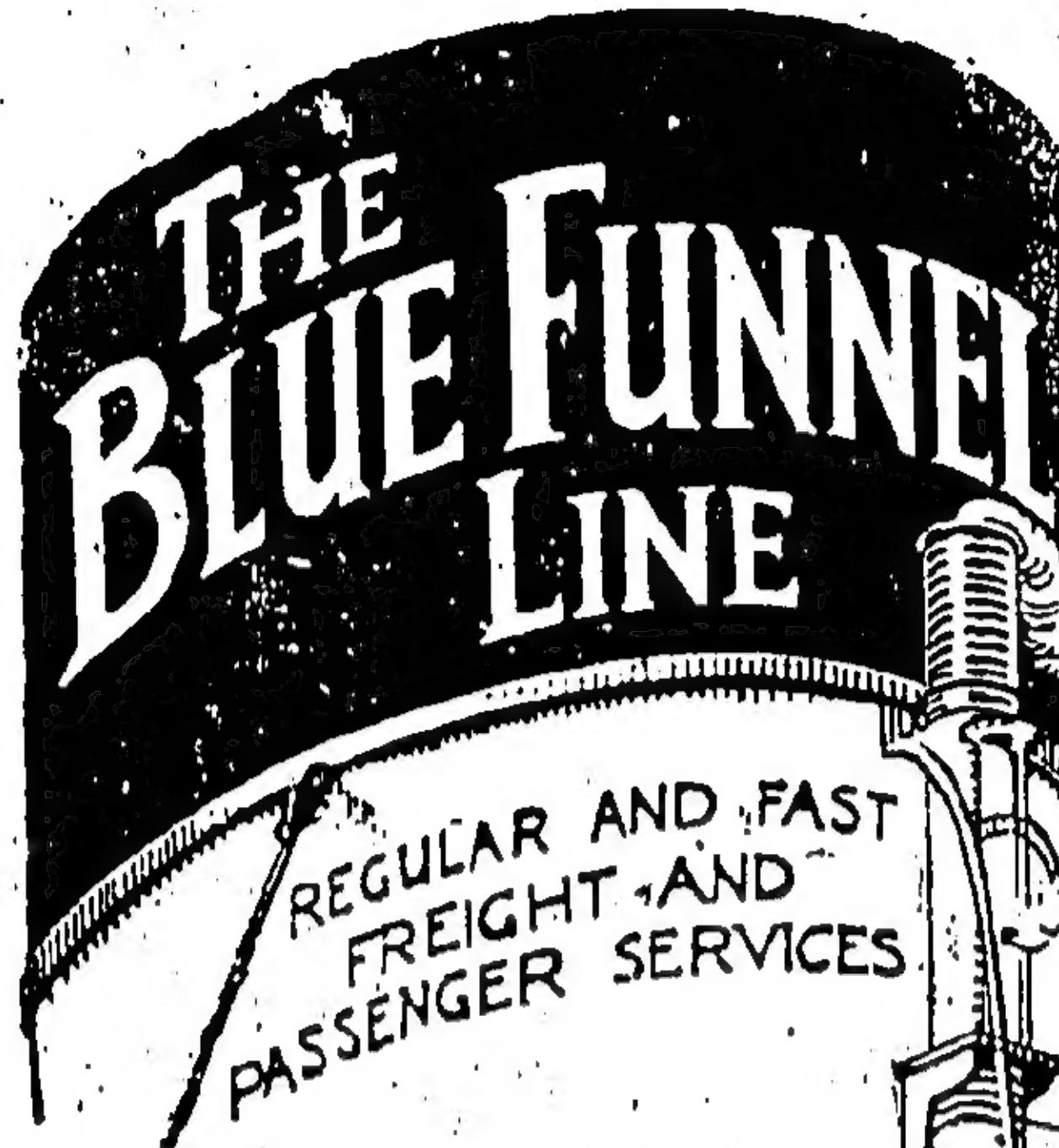
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Japan and Shanghai		Kashmir
SATURDAY, MARCH 17.		
Calcutta and Straits		Kutsang
Shanghai		Szechuen
SUNDAY, MARCH 18.		
U.S.A., Canada, Japan and Shanghai		President Lincoln
Straits		Fushimi Maru
MONDAY, MARCH 19.		
Straits		Santhia
TUESDAY, MARCH 20.		Porthos

**OUTWARD MAIIS.**

For	Per	THURSDAY, MARCH 15.
Sam Shui and Wuchow		Kong Ning
Shanghai and Europe via Siberia		Mantua
Manila, Australia and New Zealand		5 p.m.
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Registration (Mar. 16th) 9.45 a.m.		
Letters (Mar. 16th) 10.30 a.m.		
FRIDAY, MARCH 16.		Taiping
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Hoihow, Pakhol and Haiphong		Tean
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Macao		Chuen Chow
Shanghai		5 p.m.
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SATURDAY, MARCH 17.		Kashmir
Haiphong		Song Bo
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Manila		Empress of Asia
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Bangkok		Chinhuia
MONDAY, MARCH 19.		9 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan		Fushimi Maru
Manila		President Lincoln
Swatow		Chakang
TUESDAY, MARCH 20.		5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Canada, C. & S. America and Europe via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 13th Apr. Registration 9.45 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.		Taivo Maru

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**CABLE AND WIRELESS.****Eastern Telegraph And Marconi Fusion.****PROVISIONAL ARRANGEMENT.****New Holding Company Subject To Official Agreement.**

London, Yesterday. The Eastern and Associated Telegraph Companies and Marconi's wireless telegraph company announce that a provisional arrangement has been reached regarding the fusion of the two companies' interests through the medium of a proposed holding company subject to a satisfactory agreement with the British Government, the Dominions and the Government of India, and also to acceptance by the companies' stockholders and shareholders. It is added that no announcement of the terms of the arrangement can be made in the meantime as the consummation is dependent upon the above-mentioned conditions.—Reuter.

**FIVE MORE DEAD.****COLOMBO-GALLE EXPRESS COLLISION.****DEATH ROLL NOW 26.**

Colombo, Yesterday. The death roll in the Galle-Colombo express collision is now twenty-six.—Reuter.

An earlier cable read:—

Twenty-one persons were killed in a head-on collision, near Kalutara, 28 miles south of Colombo, between a passenger-train and the Galle-Colombo express. The engine and three carriages of the express were badly damaged and the engine and two carriages of the passenger-train were smashed.

**U. S. A. POPULATION.****GAIN OF 14 PER CENT. ESTIMATED.**

Washington, Yesterday. Although the next Federal census does not occur before 1930 the Census Bureau estimates the population of the United States on July 1 will be 120,013,000, an increase of 14 per cent. over the census of 1920. Florida shows the largest gain.—Reuter's American Service.

**McCoy Bill.****ELECTION CONTROL REJECTED.**

Managua, Yesterday. The House of Representatives, by a majority of 22 votes to 16, rejected the McCoy Bill proposing to authorise United States supervision of the Nicaraguan presidential election in October.—Reuter's American Service.

**NEW DIRECTORY.****DETAILED INFORMATION ON SHANGHAI.****"HONGS & HOMES" FOR 1928.**

A book of exceptional interest to the business communities of the Far East and of considerable value to the resident of Shanghai has made its appearance in "Hong & Homes" (1928), the Shanghai section of Rosenstock's business directory of China. The book is indexed and contains detailed information of Hongkong, residents' names and addresses, cable addresses, Chinese Hong names, classified trades and professions, trade agencies and representations, street directory, ladies' section, motoring section, municipal information, plans of Shanghai theatres and detailed information as to other recreations, travel facilities, etc.

The Directory is prefaced with a short description of Shanghai's institutions and report of various trade activities also by some useful maps.

No information is given as to exports as this is left to the Directory of China now entering its thirty-fourth year. It is purely a Shanghai directory and it certainly appears to contain everything needed both in the home and in the office. Its price is \$5.

**WALL ST. ENVIOUS.****An Irish-American Speculator.****STAGES BIG RISE.****Coup In Radio Stock Brings In Fortune.**

New York, Yesterday. The whole of Wall Street is enviously admiring the American Irishman Michael Meehan who, almost single-handed, staged the sensational rise in Radio Corporation stock.

Twenty years ago he was selling tickets at a Broadway theatre agency. Yesterday his coup is believed to have yielded him one to three million sterling.

Rivals say that "his daring and success has probably never been equalled."—Reuter's American Service.

**NO NEWS YET.****HINCHCLIFFE AND HON. ELSIE MACKAY.****TRANS-ATLANTIC FLIGHT.**

London, Yesterday. No further news has been received here of Captain Hinchcliffe and the hon. Elsie Mackay who left Cranwell in Lincolnshire yesterday morning in an aeroplane in an attempt to fly the Atlantic. They should have been reported from Newfoundland by noon to-day.—British Wireless Service.

Sinclair Turns Up.

London, Yesterday. Gordon Sinclair has emerged from obscurity and visited Mrs. Hinchcliffe.

Interviewed by Reuter, Sinclair stated that only a couple of hours before the endeavour was started Miss Mackay decided to accompany Hinchcliffe. "Now we are waiting anxiously but are still full of hope as Hinchcliffe has frequently referred

**CLOUDY AGAIN.****Official Weather Forecast For To-morrow.**

The local weather forecast till noon to-morrow is:—north-east winds, fresh; generally cloudy. The mid-day weather report states:—The anti-cyclone is probably central over West Manchuria. Fresh monsoon may be expected along the south-east coast of China and over the North-China Sea.

red to the possibility of pushing on to Philadelphia if possible and the petrol aboard lasts 45 to 50 hours."—Reuter.

Close Watch Kept.

London, Yesterday. Captain Hinchcliffe, the well-known British aviator who left the aerodrome at Croydon on a flight for an unknown destination yesterday, was seen off the Irish coast yesterday afternoon.

He is believed to be heading for Newfoundland, 1,800 miles away, to be the first aviator to cross the Atlantic direct in an aeroplane.

His effort was kept a close secret.

A report from Newfoundland states that weather is favourable.

A close watch is being kept for the aviator from land and by the fishing fleets engaged in operations 200 miles off the coast.—British Wireless Service.

Possible Clue.

London, Yesterday. The only news possibly bearing on Hinchcliffe's whereabouts was received from the Western Union Cable Company operator at Hearts Content, Newfoundland, to the effect that the Company's repairer says he saw a plane passing in the north-westerly direction between Kellingrews and Holyrood at 6.38 Greenwich Mean Time in the locality of 70 miles south of St. Johns.

Accompanied By Pilot.

Hinchcliffe's agent stated to-day

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**TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.**

The clearing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 2/0 8/16. Its price is \$5.

**MR. H. HOOVER.****Sensation in House of Representatives.****SERIOUS ALLEGATIONS.****Commerce Secretary's Resignation Demanded.**

Washington, Yesterday.

Mr. Brand (Republican) Ohio, caused a sensation at a crowded meeting of the House of Representatives by demanding the resignation of Mr. Hoover, the Secretary of Commerce, on the ground that his office is honeycombed with politics and that Mr. Hoover had been largely financing his presidential campaign from the Federal Treasury. He instanced Mr. Hoover's recent appointment of the Assistant Secretary of Commerce who he (Mr. Brand) asserted, was now running Mr. Hoover's campaign in Ohio.—Reuter's American Service.

**BERT HINKLER.****RECEIVES A CHEQUE FOR £2,000.****CANBERRA'S WELCOME.**

Canberra, Yesterday. Bert Hinkler has landed here. He received a tumultuous reception and was presented with a cheque for £2,000 by Mr. Bruce on behalf of the Australian Government. Reuter.

**MOTOR CYCLE COLLISION.**

About 6.10 p.m. yesterday, a rather serious motor accident occurred in Nathan-road just past Granville-road, when motor cycle No. 960, ridden by Mr. B. Wong, collided with motor cycle No. 990, ridden by two Portuguese sailors.

Mr. B. Wong was carrying a pillion rider, Mr. Francis Zimern, who was injured on the legs.

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